



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

August 7, 2022

Worship at 10:30 AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Leach

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Variations on HOLY MANNA

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people stand.

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

God's word shines forth in glory.

OPENING HYMN

The people remain standing to sing.

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA



- 1. Christ - ians we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
- 2. Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
- 3. Is there here a trem - bling jai - ler, seek - ing grace and filled with fears?
- 4. Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the tremb - ling mourn - ers who are strug - gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep - ing Mar - y pour - ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Christ - ians, join your cries to help them; Christ - ians, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Christ - ians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat - tered all a - round.
 Christ will gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nutter Dowling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name.

The people keep silence.

KYRIE

Westminster Buffalo Service, Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

The people sing.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - - ly Spi - rit; As it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - - - - - men.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people stand to sing.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia!



GOSPEL LESSON

The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glorify you, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an un-failing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The people remain standing.



SERMON

All We Need

HYMN

The people stand to sing.

When Christ’s Own Body Comes to Table

ST. CLEMENT

1. When Christ's own bod - y comes to ta - ble, When all God's
 2. Now bread we break and wine we of - fer, Though not our
 3. In eve - ry place, at eve - ry ta - ble, Our Lord pre -
 4. As now we gath - er, we look for - ward To days to

chil - dren gath - er there, The grace of sac - ra - men - tal
 own, but Christ's we give. In na - tions found the whole world
 - sides at eve - ry feast. No gates, no walls are there to
 come, when we shall see Our Christ a - lone at one great

liv - ing Is giv - en free - ly, eve - ry - where.
 o - ver God's peo - ple take this feast and live.
 hin - der All those who seek, from great to least.
 ta - ble To serve God's chil - dren, loved and free.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1896-1964)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God...
 ...and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

Sanctus

Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:



Amen

A - - - men. A - - - men. A - - - - - men.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*As you receive the prepackaged bread and cup, it is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."
After worship, please dispose of the packaging in the receptacle outside the Sanctuary.*

Prayers after Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The people stand to sing.

How Lovely, Lord

AURELIA

1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2. In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3. A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord, Most High;

my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1946)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach, Senior Pastor
Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor of Christian Education
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Steve Edge, Bass

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

John Bace, Bill Currie, Linda Fabian, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Jenny Wood

ELDERS SERVING TODAY

Debbie Izatt, Dennis Penman

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given to the Glory of God by Skip Ferguson.

If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com.

Welcome to Westminster!

Masks are optional while seated in worship. Please continue to wear your mask while entering the building and walking to the Sanctuary.

Westminster is a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation and a progressive place of lifelong learning. Everyone is welcome to our campus to worship, rejoice in music, question, reflect, serve, and grow, regardless of age, race, socioeconomic status, sexuality, gender identity, citizenship status, or religious affiliation.

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pews) and return it to a deacon or staff member, or visit our website, wpcbuffalo.org.

As a More Light church, we invite all members of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries. As an Earth Care Congregation, we defend and heal creation through worship and education.

Wiggle Worship Bags for youth are available at the doors. Please return after worship.

If you need assistance at any time, please ask a deacon or staff member.

Generosity

Gifts to *All Things New* support the church's annual operating expenses and programs and are vital to maintain and grow the changing needs of our members and the diverse community we serve. If you have not yet pledged, please make a financial commitment to Westminster as a sign of devotion to the ministry and mission of our church. **Please send in a pledge card or submit online via our secure website, wpcbuffalo.org/atn.** Thank you for your generosity!

The word "bequeath" comes from an Old English word that means "to say, speak to, exhort." Making a bequest to the church in your Will is a simple, effective way to speak into the future of your faith community, and encourage growth for the long term. Please consider supporting Westminster in your estate planning and become a member of The 1854 Legacy Circle.

For more information on making a gift to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org or 716.884.9437 x315.

Summer Meet and Mingle

Volunteers are needed to host Meet & Mingle each Sunday through September 4. Hosts are asked to provide three dozen cookies and lemonade or water. Contact Sawrie Becker at sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up.

This Week

Sunday, August 7

10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle

Monday, August 8

8:00 AM Summer ENERGY

Tuesday, August 9

8:00 AM Summer ENERGY
9:00 AM Youth Gardening
10:00 AM Garden Group
10:30 AM Explore Buffalo Tour
5:00 PM Ministry of Generosity

Wednesday, August 10

8:00 AM Summer ENERGY
9:30 AM Worship Planning
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, August 11

8:00 AM Summer ENERGY

Friday, August 12

8:00 AM Summer ENERGY

Sunday, August 14

10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle

Alali Family Update

We enjoyed having Todd and Linda Leach at our meeting with the family recently; Hasan and Hlah were glad to meet them. Thirteen-year-old Shokriah is preparing to play soccer at Amherst Middle School, thanks to Carol Greetham's help with school registrations. Nancy Trimble has discovered Victory Sports, who donated soccer equipment for Shokriah. Nancy is also busy finding clothes at Clara's Closet and school supplies at various sources (including Journeys End) for the five students in school - Omar, Rashed, Abdalmoatee, Shokriah, and Ali. All ten family members have now had one or more dental appointments. We've also enjoyed a pool party for the four youngest kids, celebrated Omar's 7th birthday, traveled to an outdoor concert in Clarence, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran donated a grill.

Westminster has completed the three-month co-sponsorship commitment with Journeys End. However, support, mentorship, and transportation is still needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Erwin (erwin.debbie@gmail.com; 716-867-6676) or Carol Greetham (carolgreetham@gmail.com). Visa gift cards are still welcome for expenses that may come up. Thank you to Westminster for your support of this mission and outreach!

Upcoming Events

Gardening in the Fruit Belt

August 9 at 9 AM, meet at Westminster
Contact: Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

Spend time with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers' youth program in the heart of the fruit belt.

Chautauqua Day Trip

August 26, Time TBA
Contact: David Weeks, dweeks.buffalo@gmail.com

We will hear the lecture by Robert P. Jones, Director of the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI). His most recent book is *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*.

Construction Update

Technicians from R.A. Colby have finished installation of the Holmes Chapel organ and console. Work has now begun to individually voice each pipe in both the Chapel and Sanctuary instruments.

The first set of Delaware Doors was installed last week; the next set have been removed for restoration.

After completion of Sanctuary scaffolding, workers from Swiatek Studios have begun restoring the Chancel arch and dome of the apse.



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